SALARY, ALLOWANCES AND PENSION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1989

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB); Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to move:

"That the Bill further to amend the Salary, Allowance and Pen-sion of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

Madam, at present, under section 6A (1) and 6A (6) of the Act, the Members of Parliament representing the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands are entitled to air travel facility along with the spouse|companion from the usual place of residence in the islands to the nearest airport in the mainland of India. For the return journey steam facility is available to them. On the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Salaries and Allowances of Members of Parliament, it is proposed to allow air travel facility to them for return journey also from the nearest airport in the mainland of India to the usual place of residence in the ■ island.

The above provisions would involve a recurring expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of India to the tun« of Rs. 32,300 per annum approximately.

Madam, the **Bill** is very simple and noil-controversial. I hope that it would receive unanimous support from all sides of the House and may be passed without much discussion.

With these words, Madam, I commend the Bill for consideration by the House.

The *anestion was put and the motion was adopted.*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : We shall JIOW take up - clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 *was added to the Bill.*

Clause 1, *the Enacting Formula and the title were added to the Bill.*

SHRI M. M. JACOB; Madam, J move:

"That the Bill be passed -

The question was put and the motion was *adopted.*

HIGH COURT AND . SUPREME COURT JUDGES ' (CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) AMENDMENT BILL, 1989

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: May I now have the indulgence of the House for the High Court and Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Amendment Bill, 1989?

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV (Uttar Pradesh): There should be discussion.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Then we .will take it up later. If you are, going to discuss it, then I won't take it up now. If it is going to be passed without discussion, then "we will take it up.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARD-WAJ): Madam, I just want to say that it is only to increase the accum-mulated leave from 180 days to 240, days. *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHIIRMAN: I would request the hon. Members that it is a Money. Bill and it has to .be, returned to the Lok Sabha. They have already passed it. You support it and, I would pass it, because I think is any case it is going to be passed. *(Inter-ruptions).* It "is a very small Bill. I

think the whole House wiJl agree. Yes, Mr. Bhardwaj.

SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ: Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to move;

"That the Bill further to amend the High Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1954 and the Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1958, as passed by the Lok Sabha, to be taken into consideration."

As you are aware during the years 1966 and 1988 substantial improvements in the service conditions of the Judges of the High Court and the Supreme Court had been made. The present Bill is a result of the concern for bringing further improvements in the service conditions of judges. The Bill reflects the continuing effort to build and preserve a strong and independent judiciary.

In the Bill passed by the Rajya Sabha on the 14th August, 1986, and 30th March, 1988, enhanced pensionary benefits, enhanced sumptuary allowance and conveyance allowances were extended to the judges with effect from 1st November, 1986. Now the Government proposes to give benefits to the Judges of the High Court and the Supreme Court in the form of raising the quantum of carryforward of leave to the judges from 180 days to 240 days, enhanced leave allowances after 45 days of leave, to raise the minimum family pension to Rs. 375 per month to the family of a judge with effect from 1.11.1986, and to clarify the meaning of expression "family pension" to make it more specific.

In view of the above, the Bill is being placed before this House for consideration and I hope this will meet the wholehearted support from all Members of this august House and the Bill may be returned.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I hope the House will support the Bill.

The question is:

"That the Bill further to amend the High Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1954, and the Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1958, as passed by the Lok Sabha be taken into consideration.'

The motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clauses 2 *to* 7 *were added to the* Bill.

Clause 1, *the Enacting Formula and the Title wene added to the Bill.*

SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ: Madam, I move:

"That the Billi be returned."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The entire House obeyed me today. I am thankful. I would request the Members to obey me in, future as well, from now on.

Now the Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS—

I. Violent incidence in Gohpur Area of Assam

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): Madam, We had promised to this august House the other day to give *i* detailed statement on the violence in Gohpur area of Assam as soon as authentic reports are received from the State Government of Assam and the Central Team sent by us. There reports have since been received and